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> **AMENDMENT** (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In The Claims:

5. (Amended) Water soluble particles according to claim 1 wherein the coprecipitant is selected from inorganic salts,

sugars, polysaccharides, carbohydrates, polyols, and derivatives thereof with a molecular weight of less than 10,000 Da;

amino-acids;

acid-base buffers;

zwitterionic compounds;

organic salts;

compounds containing multiple basic groups;

compounds containing multiple acidic groups;

bile salts;

water soluble dyes;

polar or ionic polymers; and

polar or ionic dendrimers.

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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT in the above-identified patent application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27. No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(COL. 1)		(COL. 2)	(COL. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	<u>OR</u> RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	* 51	** 42	= 9	X9=	\$	X18=	\$ 162
INDEP	* 12	*** 12	= 0	X42=	\$	X84=	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+140=	\$	+280=	\$
			TOTAL ADD FEE \$		OR TOTAL	\$ 162	

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